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Re: Request for Records

Dear Sir or Madam:

I serve as counsel to the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office, and your request for records has been forwarded to me for a response. Your requests appear to have been addressed to the Tuscaloosa Police Department, but the latest request was forwarded to the Sheriff's Office for a response. Your specific request was for the "incident reports and discharged round reports" related to a shooting at the Copper Top Bar on 05/17/2012. The Sheriff's Office does not have a "discharged round" report. It is my understanding that in this incident, no deputy sheriff discharged a weapon.

With respect to the incident reports, law enforcement investigative reports are not public records under Alabama law, and are protected from release. The Sheriff's Office will not release those records without a proper court order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Spence', is written over the printed name.

Robert Spence